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From Realms far distant, and from Climes unknown, We make the Knowledge of Mankind your own.

TO THE PUBLIC.

THE inhabitants of this world, being entitled by nature to a knowledge of mankind, so far as human comprehension extends, every thing which contributes to enlarge the idea, or enlighten the understanding, may justly be esteemed a precious gem: Learning will display its extensive influence, and the mind be made capable of producing useful actions.

The weekly publication of an impartial News-Paper, under proper regulations, has ever been found, by experience, to be of public utility. The want of such a Paper in this part of the country, has long been severely felt, and many disadvantages have accrued to the people in consequence thereof.

In order, therefore, to remove such evils, the Subscribers, encouraged by a number of munificent Gentlemen in this State, and the adjacent country, have undertaken to issue the first number of The Vermont Journal, and the Universal Advertiser; *with an assurance, that so long as they render it entertaining and instructive, they shall merit the patronage of the indulgent Public.*

The Publishers will make it their peculiar study to keep the press FREE, *uninfluenced by* party *or* prejudice. *Their strictest attention shall not be wanting to procure the most early intelligence from various parts of the world—they will endeavour to get Posts established in such routs as will favour the design—they will take care to obtain periodical publications from different parts of the United States, and select such pieces as are instructive, to supply the place where News is wanting—the common occurrences of life shall meet with proper notice—the productions of the* Literati, *on political or moral subjects, shall have their places—modest reflections on customs and manners, will be admitted—decent remarks on public measures, candidly stated, and calculated to reform government, will not be rejected, the author leaving his name with the Printers—and, for the amusement of juvenile readers, delectable strokes of wit and humour will be inserted.*

While the Publishers are endeavouring to make the matter, contained in their paper, agreeable to the taste of their customers, they mean not to be inattentive to the size, which shall be enlarged as their encouragement increases; and that they hope will be so rapid as to enable them soon to make an enlargement.

Although it is most convenient to publish at present on Thursday, yet the Editors are not determined to fix on that day for constant publication; but will alter as the time of procuring News may require—giving previous notice thereof in the paper, that the customers may know when to call for them.

A strict compliance with the terms of the Editors proposals, being absolutely necessary to enable them to prosecute their design to effect, they hope their customers will be punctual in discharging the first quarter immediately on the receipt of this number.

The Printers will make it their principal study to give universal satisfaction to all who are pleased to employ them: and the smallest favours will be gratefully acknowledged, by the Public's most devoted, and very humble servants,

HOUGH AND SPOONER.

Printing-Office, Windsor, Aug. 7, 1783.

WHEREAS, application has been made to me by more than one sixteenth part of the Proprietors of the township of Topsham, in the county of Orange, to warn a meeting of said Proprietors: These are therefore to warn them to meet at the house of Israel Smith, Esq; of Thetford, in said county, on Thursday the 28th day of August instant, at two o'clock in the afternoon, for the following purposes, viz. 1. to chuse a Moderator: 2. a Proprietors Clerk and Collector: 3. agree with a Surveyor to lot out said township, or a part thereof, as may be thought most advisable when met; or chuse a Committee for said purpose: 4. chuse a Committee to cut and clear highways in said township, necessary to promote the settlement thereof: 5. see what sum of money said Proprietors will lay on each right to defray former expences, and the cost of lotting out and clearing roads, &c. 6. agree on a method for calling Proprietors meetings in future: and transact any other business necessary to be done.

EBEN. CURTIS, Justice of Peace.

Windsor, State of Vermont, Aug. 7, 1783.

WHEREAS, application has been made to me by more than one sixteenth part of the Proprietors of the township of Varshier, in the county of Orange, to warn a meeting of said Proprietors: These are therefore to warn them to meet at the house of Mr. Leonix Titees, in said Varshier, on Thursday the 4th day of September next, for the following purposes, viz.

1. To chuse a Moderator.

2. To chuse a Clerk.

3. To see if the Proprietors will lay out the second and third division lots, and grant a sum of money to defray the charges of the same, and also to cut roads: And do any other business they shall think best to promote the settlement of the town agreeable to the charter.

JOSHUA TUCKER, Justice of Peace.

Dated at Stafford, this 25th day of June, 1783.